

## **Chenies & Latimer CC – Colts Section Code of Conduct**

Chenies & Latimer Cricket Club is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the well-being of all its members. The club believes that it is important that members, coaches, administrators and parents, carers or guardians associated with the club should, at all times, show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others.

### **Code of Conduct for Young People**

As a member of Chenies and Latimer Cricket Club, players are expected to abide by the following Colts Code of Conduct:

- All members must learn and play within the rules, and respect officials and their decisions
- All members must respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of gender, ability, cultural background or religion
- Chenies and Latimer Cricket Club will not tolerate any form of bullying, verbal or physical abuse
- Members should keep to agreed timings for training and competitions or inform their coach or team manager if they are going to be late
- Members must wear suitable kit for training and matches (preferably club uniform), as agreed with the coach or team manager
- Members must wear the appropriate protective equipment - Note: Protective equipment such as gloves, pads and helmets will generally be provided, but for hygiene reasons ALL players MUST have their own protective box.
- Junior members are not allowed to smoke on club premises or whilst representing the club at competitions
- Junior members are not allowed to consume alcohol or drugs of any kind on the club premises or whilst representing the club at competitions
- Be attentive at all training and coaching sessions at all times, respecting coaches and team mates
- Respect and accept the Captain's, Umpire's and Coach's decisions at all times
- Junior members must not leave the ground without permission from the Coach or Team Manager
- Respect the facilities and equipment you use both at Chenies & Latimer Cricket Club and at away matches
- Demonstrate high standards of sportsmanlike behaviour:
  - Accept all umpires decisions without dispute or comment
  - 'Clap in' a new batsman and applaud a departing batsman
  - Encourage your team mates, but respect the opposition in terms of the level of noise
  - When fielding never shout or clap once the bowler has started his run up until after the batsman has completed their shot
  - Celebrate success, but keep displays of triumph within sportsmanlike levels

- Recognise good play from your own team and the opposition
- Accept victory with humility and acknowledge defeat gracefully
- Do not post anything on social media or the internet that would promote a negative perception of the club or the sport of cricket
- Report any incident that you feel uncomfortable about to an adult or club official
- Inappropriate behaviour will lead to disciplinary action

The “**Spirit of Cricket**” involves respect for your opponents, your own captain and team, the Umpires and the game’s **traditional values**, and it is against the “**Spirit of Cricket**” to:

- Dispute an umpire’s decision by word, action or gesture
- Direct abusive language towards an opponent or umpire
- Indulge in cheating or sharp practice
- Appeal knowing that the batsman is not out
- Advance towards an umpire aggressively when appealing
- Seek to distract an opponent either verbally or by harassment

### **Code of Conduct for Parents / Carers / Guardians**

The “Spirit of Cricket” applies just as much to spectators as well as players, captains, coaches and officials, and at Chenies & Latimer we expect supporters of our Colts teams to adhere to the following:

- Encourage your child to learn the rules and play within them
- Discourage unfair play and arguing with officials
- Help your child to recognise good performance, not just results
- Never force your child to take part in sport
- Pay membership fees promptly
- Ensure that membership forms are completed fully and accurately, and that the coach / team manager has your contact details
- Set a good example by recognising fair play and applauding the good performances of all
- Never punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes
- Publicly accept officials’ judgements
- Support your child’s involvement and help them to enjoy their sport
- Use correct and proper language at all times
- Do not post anything on social media or the internet that would promote a negative perception of the club or the sport of cricket
- Help your child to understand and follow the Code of Conduct for Young People

Note: for children U9 and below, a parent or nominated adult must be present for the full duration of the coaching session or match.

## **Code of Conduct for Club Officials and Volunteers**

In adult cricket the responsibility for maintaining the “Spirit of Cricket” rests with the captains, but in the development years, that responsibility rests with the Managers and Coaches who should actively adopt and promote good ethical conduct and practice as summarised below:

- All volunteers must consider the well-being and safety of participants before the development of performance
- Develop an appropriate working relationship with performers, based on mutual trust and respect
- Make sure all activities are appropriate to the age, ability and experience of those taking part
- Promote the positive aspects of the sport (e.g. Fair play)
- Display consistently high standards of behaviour and appearance
- Follow all guidelines laid down by the national governing body and the club
- Hold the appropriate, valid qualifications and insurance cover
- Never exert undue influence over performers in order to obtain personal benefit or reward
- Never condone rule violations, rough play or the use of prohibitive substances
- Do not post anything on social media or the internet that would promote a negative perception of the club or the sport of cricket